Save water campaign

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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) whether with the World Water Day on 22nd March, 2003, the people's movement for water conservation has been intensified in Madhya Pradesh and other States;

(b) if so, whether under this campaign, people in every village and town would be encouraged to contribute voluntary labour for water conservation till March, 28;

(c) if so, the names of the States where this campaign had taken place;

(d) whether this save water campaign which was launched in 2001 still continues in 2003 also;

(e) if so, the programme initiated by these States; and

(f) to what extent it has been helpful?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) The Ministry is not aware of any intensification of people's movement in Madhya Pradesh and other States on World Water Day on 22nd March, 2003. However, a "Pani Roko Abhiyan" (Save Water Campaign) was earlier launched by Government of Madhya Pradesh in the year 2001. Further, in order to focus attention on various issues relating to water resources development & management and create awareness, observance of Water Resources Day every year was started in India in 1987. Subsequently taking cue from India the United Nations (UN) has declared in 1993, March 22 every year as "World Water Day". Since then a Joint National Curtain Raiser function by UN and Ministry of Water Resources, is being organized every year on 22nd March at New Delhi to mark the beginning of series of Water Resources Day and World Water Day programmes throughout the country The theme for World Water Day for the current year is "Water for Future" and that for Water Resources Day is "Conservation of Water in Agriculture and Industrial Sectors". These themes become the basis for country-wide discussions and people's participation in water related activities including Water Conservation in all States in the country including Madhya Pradesh.

(b) and (c) Under the Save Water Campaign in Madhya Pradesh people in every village and town are encouraged to contribute labour for water conservation. The campaign for mass awareness/action under Water Resources Day is open

to all organisations/institutions/citizens of the country in both rural and urban areas. The participation of the people is often in the form of observance/ implementation of the water conservation measures in their daily life. In addition to the Government organizations, various non-Governmental organisations, water users' associations also participate in various activities focusing on awareness about value of water including conservations etc.

(d) to (f) "Pani Roko Abhiyan" (Save Water Campaign) which was launched by Government of Madhya Pradesh in the year 2001 still continues in year 2003 in Madhya Pradesh. The Campaign stipulates conservation of water through construction of micro minor structures. The Campaign has been very successful in Madhya Pradesh. The year 2003 has been declared as Year of Freshwater in consonance with the UN Resolution declaring the year 2003 as the International Year of Freshwater, in order to increase awareness of the importance of sustainable freshwater use, management and protection. The programmes include awareness campaign through mass media, organizing workshops/seminar and action for initiating innovative methods by NGOs and other groups for water conservation, use etc.

Funds allocated for rain water harvesting in Rajasthan

4785 SHRI SURESH KALMADI :
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Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have provided funds to State Governments for development of rain water harvesting schemes in their States;

(b) if so, the amount of funds allocated to Rajasthan in the year 2001-2002 and the funds approved for 2002-2003; and

(c) the number of rain water harvesting schemes of Rajasthan approved by Government for the year 2002-2003?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY) : (a) and (b) The Central Ground Water Board implemented demonstrative rainwater harvesting and recharge projects in the country under its Central Sector Scheme for 'Study of Recharge to Ground Water'. Under this scheme, a total number of 174 projects were approved for implementation in 27 States/Union Territories upto March, 2002. 18 rainwater harvesting projects were approved for implementation in Rajasthan under the scheme. Funds allocated for implementation of these projects in Rajasthan during 2001-2002 and 2002-2003 are Rs. 31.59 lakh and Rs. 30.52 lakh respectively.

(c) No new scheme was approved during the year 2002-2003.